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DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan 2023
Frequently Asked Questions
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What is the DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan 2023?

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) is required by [DC Code § 38-2803](#) to publish a 10-year master facilities plan that considers the facility planning needs of District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and public charter schools in Washington, DC. The last Master Facilities Plan was conducted in 2018 and included innovative data analysis (e.g., 5- and 10-year school-specific enrollment projections) and detailed information about the public charter sector (e.g., expected growth plans) for the first time.

The DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan 2023 (MFP 2023) will provide up-to-date comprehensive information about the physical conditions of our current public school facilities while also analyzing future facility needs based on estimated future population and enrollment. MFP 2023 will take the current population and school enrollment contexts into account and create a 5- to 10-year plan to address public school needs in the three goals described below.

The DME has contracted a team led by Perkins Eastman that includes WXY Studio, LINK Strategic Partners, and The D.C. Policy Center to support the development of MFP 2023. The DME expects the MFP to be released in the fall of 2023.

What are the goals of the MFP?

MFP 2023 will describe the current landscape of Washington, DC's public schools (DCPS and public charter schools) and analyze future facility needs based on estimated population and estimated enrollments in 5 and 10 years.

The MFP will develop a plan to address the following three goals, while affirmatively advancing equity and excellence in public schools in Washington, DC.

1. Ensure school facilities are efficiently utilized.
2. Ensure every student is enrolled in a modern state of the art facility.
3. Ensure every student's daily experience is in a well-maintained facility.





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What is the timeline for the MFP?

Through the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2021 ([DC Law 24-20](#)) (Section 3), DC Council added a requirement for an updated 5-year Master Facilities Plan submitted before the next 10-year deadline (2028). DC Council will review and determine whether they accept MFP 2023 or vote to have the Executive redo the plan. The FY23 Budget Support Act of 2022 (Bill 24-714) moved the deadline from December 2022 to December 2023. The DME expects to complete MFP 2023 in the fall of 2023 to support the concurrent [Boundary Study](#) due later this year.

How can members of the community get involved?

Community engagement and feedback are critical to the success of MFP 2023. Stayed tuned on DME social media (@DMEforDC on Twitter and @dmefordc on Instagram) and the [DME MFP website](#) for specific dates and updated information about the engagement opportunities described below.

- The DME will hold **three rounds of virtual community engagement meetings** from spring through fall of 2023 to solicit information on the vision for the plan, the landscape of Washington, DC's public school facilities, and draft recommendations.
- The DME and DCPS are committed to revising the programmatic facility capacity process for DCPS schools. The contracted team will create a standardized, transparent process based on programmatic assumptions grounded in DCPS's EdSpecs and developed in close consultation with school communities. Stakeholders are encouraged to **provide feedback on the revised programmatic facility capacity process**.
- The DME will be conducting continual engagement through attending **existing education stakeholder meetings**, and **online feedback forms** will be made available.

I am unable to attend the community engagement meetings. How can I provide feedback and learn more?

All community engagement meetings will be live streamed and recorded for those unable to participate in real time. Outside of the meetings, residents are encouraged to provide comments and feedback by using forms that will be provided on the [DME MFP website](#). In addition, residents may also e-mail the DME at DME.planning@dc.gov with questions; please allow 2 business days for a reply.





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How will the MFP be used?

District policy makers and school leaders will use the MFP in the formulation of key decisions regarding the future of public school facilities in the coming 5 to 10 years. MFP 2023 will also serve as a resource to members of the community and education stakeholders as a comprehensive plan for the District's public school facilities.

How will MFP 2023 and the Student Assignment and Boundary Study 2023 be coordinated?

The DME is also required by the FY2023 Budget Support Act of 2022 (Bill 24-714) to conduct a school attendance zone boundaries update (found in Title IV, Subtitle J, and entitled the Attendance Zone Boundaries Amendment Act of 2022). This will be the first update since 2013-2014, when the District of Columbia undertook its first comprehensive review of student assignment in four decades. This subtitle requires the Mayor to complete a comprehensive review of DCPS student assignment policies in calendar year 2023 and every 10 years thereafter.

The DME is running the Master Facilities Plan study concurrently with the 2023 Boundary and Student Assignment Study (Boundary Study). Both studies will share foundational information, such as data and analyses of enrollment patterns, 5- and 10-year enrollment projections, school programmatic capacities, and building utilization. For more information about the Boundary Study, [see here](#). The DME also contracted with Perkins Eastman, WXY Studio, LINK Strategic Partners, and The D.C. Policy Center for this study.

Who do you contact if you have questions?

If you have any questions, please email DME.planning@dc.gov and we'll get back to you within two business days.

